

Council Meeting Highlights



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Council Meeting | October 6, 2026

Delegated Consents – August and September 2026

Consent Application C43-2026, applicant Elizabeth, Mark, Beverly Harris c/o Conor O'Keefe. The undisputed consent was granted provisional consent August 13, 2026. The purpose and effect of the application is to sever the property into two parcels and merge it with the adjacent lakeshore residential properties. The subject property is approximately 1.5 acres (0.6 ha). The proposed land to be severed is approximately 185 m² (0.05 ac). It is proposed to be merged with the abutting residential lands to the south owned by Matthew and Paula Steinbach, municipally known as 85239 MacKenzie Camp Rd S. The proposed land to be retained is approximately 145 m² (0.04 ac). It is proposed to be merged with the abutting residential lands to the north owned by Jennifer and J.E. Talbot McInnis, municipally known as 85241 MacKenzie Camp Rd S.

Consent Application C47-2026, applicant Todd Sheep Company Inc. c/o Todd Keith and Laura Mosley property located at 86257 St Helen's Line. The undisputed consent was granted provisional consent August 13, 2026. The purpose and effect of the applications is to facilitate a surplus farm severance. The proposed land to be severed is approximately 3.3 ac (1.3 ha) in size containing a residence, barn and a shed. The proposed vacant agricultural land to be retained is approximately 46.7 ac (18.7 ha).

Consent Application C53-2026, applicant Keith Doherty c/o Ryan Riehl property located at 21 Huron Street North, Port Albert. The undisputed consent was granted provisional consent September 1, 2026. The purpose and effect of the applications is to sever a portion of the subject property and merging it with the adjacent property, municipally known as 1 Melbourne Street. The proposed land to be severed is approximately 135 m² (0.03 ac) consisting of a play structure. The proposed land to be retained is approximately 3070 m² (0.75 ac) consisting of a house, detached garage and 3 storage sheds. It is proposed that the severed lands will be added to the abutting lands owned by Ryan Riehl, legally described as Plan 136, Lot 39, Part; Huron Street and Part 3 on 22R-6273.

Consent Application C43-2026, applicant Barb Van Diepenbeek property located at 35423 Belfast Road. The undisputed consent was granted provisional consent September 1, 2026. The purpose and effect of the applications is to facilitate a surplus farm severance. The proposed land to be severed is approximately 2.25 ac (0.9 ha) in size containing a residence with an attached garage. The proposed vacant agricultural land to be retained is approximately 135.25 ac (54.7 ha).

Minor Variance Application MV02-2026 Regier

Council approved MV02-2026 on the basis that that the proposed amendment is considered minor in nature to allow for two new farm worker housing units to be constructed accessory to an agricultural operation, subject to the following conditions:

1. The proposed structures be constructed consistently with the site plan drawings submitted with the application to the satisfaction of the Township's Chief Building Official; and
2. The variance's approval be valid for a period of 18 months from the date of the Committee's decision

Victoria Street Municipal Drain Abandonment

After notifying assessed landowners of the Township's intention to abandon portions of the Victoria Street Municipal Drain, responses were received requesting an engineer's report pursuant to Section 84 of the Drainage Act. Council agreed to request a memo from the engineer on next steps for the Victoria Street Municipal Drain.

MacKenzie Camp Road - Stop Signs at Intersection

Council has amended the Stop Sign By-law to make the MacKenzie Camp Road intersection a three-way stop.

Maitland Conservation - Draft Work Plan and Budget 2027

Council reviewed with the proposed Draft Work Plan and Budget for 2027 for MVCA, which is coming to Council early due to their upcoming amalgamation. Council supported the draft workplan as presented.

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2025 Financial Statements - Nancy Bridge - Seebach & Company Chartered Accountants

Council reviewed and accepted the Financial Statements for the year ending 2025, prepared by our auditor Seebach & Company Chartered Accountants. These statements represent the "Consolidated Financial Statements" of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.

Chief Building Official's Report

As of September 2026, a total of 157 building permits have been issued, representing a construction value of \$27,339,169.23. This has surpassed the total construction value of \$23,035,865.00 recorded for 2025.

Land Tender Results

Township staff called for tenders of municipal owned lands for agricultural purposes. The properties were to be tendered for a four-year term. The western portion of the Reid Farm is landlocked by the Kraft farm, historically the Township has rented him the land at the same rate as the eastern portion. Council accepted the following bids:

- \$372 plus H.S.T per acre for the rental of the Reid Farm from Stuart Simpson
- \$255 plus H.S.T per acre for the rental of the Inglis Farm from Sean Martin
- \$361 plus H.S.T per acre for the rental of the St. Augustine Farm from Dann Eedy
- \$372 plus H.S.T per acre for the rental of the west portion of the Reid Farm to Sebastian Kraft

Speed Limit on Mill Road

Council supported the lowering of the speed limit on Mill Road from 60 km/hr to 50 km/hr and asked staff to prepare a by-law for a future meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – November 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Inaugural Council Meeting – November 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – December 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – December 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.